

REPORTS FAVOR "BONE-DRY" LAW

Sentiment in Various States Upholds Prohibition Amendment

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New Jersey for Local Option. Other Commonwealths Prepare for Early Ratification

Reports received from various State capitals and centers of activity today indicate, generally, a favorable attitude toward legislative ratification of the proposed prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Pennsylvania and New Jersey appear to be "lukewarm" in their interest toward immediate action. Governor Brumbaugh has declined to call a special legislative session to consider ratification.

In New Jersey sentiment for local option outweighs the opinion favorable to Federal control.

In Maryland a hot fight is predicted, while Delawareans are hopeful that within the six-year limit to make their fight the necessary State ratification will be accomplished.

Wisconsin, a former hotbed of anti-prohibition sentiment, is expected to be among the first States to go on record in favor of the national enactment against liquor.

New York, California, Michigan and Illinois advisers indicate that hot battles for control of the next State Legislature will be waged in those States.

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Noncommittal statements are vouchsafed by Connecticut leaders. In Ohio efforts are under way to obtain a special session of the present Legislature.

In other States vigorous campaigns on behalf of "bone-dry" legislation are reported to be progressing favorably.

Street Battles Rage in Odessa

Continued from Page One Italian Socialists regarding this request for an "internationale" at Stockholm.

KAISER SOLICITOUS FOR EX-CITIZEN'S FATE

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 19.—The Kaiser is now taking a hand in the so-called peace negotiations between the Bolshevik regime at Petrograd and the Central Powers.

Today by the report that the German Emperor has made inquiries as to what would befall the former czar and his family if peace is concluded.

Despite the fact that the German Government has formally accused the ex-czar of bringing on the war by mobilizing the Russian army against the Austro-German frontiers, the report contains a hint that Nicholas and his family may be invited to make their future home in Germany, if they are allowed to leave Russia.

Dr. von Kuhlmann, the German foreign minister, and Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, are reported to have reached Brest Litovsk, where the armistice was signed.

MATINEE MUSICAL PROGRAM

Marie Loughney and Thaddeus Rich Soloists at Concert

Two home artists divided honors at the fortnightly program of the Matinee Musical Club, which drew an audience that crowded the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford.

Previous concerts in this "All-American Year" have been distinguished by the presence of an organization composed of women musicians and music lovers of Philadelphia who combined the efforts of the excellent chorus of the club, with the individual contributions of soloists, but the latest concert offered a dual recital by Marie Loughney, contralto, and Thaddeus Rich, concert master and assistant conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Miss Loughney, who won the vocal honors in the 1917 biennial contest of the National Federation of Music Clubs, showed that the distinction was not unworthily conferred.

The quality and flexibility of her tones and the skill with which she produces and colors them to suit the composition justified the judges in giving her supremacy over a field that included musicians from all over the United States.

Her numbers were in the main familiar, or at least standard; but two, "Stand Up, America," and "Somewhere in France," were novel in recital and added a patriotic touch to the program. She was excellent in Hastings' "The Red, Red Rose," Mrs. H. H. A. Beach's "Ah, Love But a Day," and other pieces from the customary repertoire.

Doctor Rich showed his virtuosity in a Wieniawski concerto, one of the showpieces which afford a violinist a chance to display marvelous technique.

Mayor Indicted on 2 Grave Charges

Continued from Page One inner workings of the plot which led up to the killing of Egan.

After giving his age as twenty-one, Denney said that on the night of September 17, the Monday before the Wednesday on which the primary elections were held in Philadelphia, he was standing with two friends of his, "Whitey" Burkhardt and "Muggsy" Smith, at the corner of 15th street and Broad avenue, in the Bronx, New York.

Burkhardt is one of the gunmen under arrest, but Smith had not previously been named in the proceedings. "Mike" Ritt, another of the gunmen now in custody, came over to the three men, Denney said, and asked them if they didn't want to make some "easy money" by working in the Philadelphia election, by assisting the police.

The four men went to a saloon across the street to continue the conversation.

These they found, said Denney, Mike Sullivan, the detective from the Val O'Darrel, detective agency; "Butch" Masca, who is charged with Egan's murder; Louie, Falcom, Con-tello and others, including three men not previously named—Nick Tarter, "China" Marino and "Big Eddie." When asked if the name of the first were not "Carter," Denney said he has always heard him called "Tarter."

The five gunmen under arrest were sent for and were all identified by Denney, who also identified Masca, who was seated in the prisoner's box. He had known Burkhardt and "Muggsy" Smith for years, he said, adding that Smith's real name was Christopher.

TOLD "TOPS" WANTED THEM

The group in the saloon, said Denney, were told by Sullivan that they were wanted to work in the election and to help them move boxes and bales on the street.

"We were to sit on them and keep everything straight," he said. At 9 o'clock the next morning, the witness said, the eighteen men met at Thirty-third street and Seventh avenue, where tickets to Philadelphia were given to them, and they were sent on in twos and threes, riding in the smoking cars.

When Denney reached Philadelphia, he said, he was assigned to a room in the Keystone Hotel, either room sixty-six or sixty-seven, which he shared with another man. Four of the gang shared the adjoining room with the other twelve men went to "Benny's" Hotel, at Front and Vine streets.

He and his companions waited in their room until Mike Ritt came to them and gave each a dollar for supper. While at supper in a restaurant on Penn Square, Burkhardt, said Denney, gave a twenty-five cent tip to a waitress together with his card. The waitress is to be called to testify later.

After they had eaten a dinner and were standing on the corner, Mike Sullivan came along with a very well dressed man who wore eyeglasses, said Denney. The man shook hands with them and left. Sullivan then gave the men a white ribbon each. "We was to wear the ribbon so that the police would know us and not bother us while we were working around the polls," said Denney.

ALL GOT BLACKJACKS

"They then walked to Washington Square, he said, where they met Masca and the rest of the gunmen. After waiting in the square a while, the man with the eyeglasses re-appeared and then went away, returning shortly with blackjack, which he distributed among them.

MALONEY ON THE STAND

Samuel G. Maloney was called to the stand late this afternoon by Mr. Taulane.

"Did you send to New York for these men?" he was asked.

Mr. Taulane then turned him over to Mr. Keir for cross-examination. Keir, jumping to his feet, shook his finger at Maloney and shouted:

"Aren't you a liar? Didn't you fake up the alibi for Sam Saiter, the famous ballot-box stuffer? Aren't you 'Sam the Rat'?"

Taulane was on his feet in an instant objecting to the questions.

"Yes," shouted Keir, "but you can't challenge my right to ask these questions. Give me until 10 o'clock tomorrow and I'll prove them by the records."

15,000 TONS OF COAL DAILY ORDERED TO PHILADELPHIA

Continued from Page One Krusen, states that he anticipates the charities director will co-operate with State Fuel Administrator Potter.

The telegram to Director Krusen is as follows: Director Wilmer Krusen, City Hall, Philadelphia.

We are advised that you have confiscated four cars of coal. Mr. Potter informs me that you have not applied to the local committee or to him for assistance in connection with your requirements and that if handled in that manner, coal would have been provided.

Further assistance will not be permitted and is unnecessary. If you will advise of the requirements of the locations under your jurisdiction. Your co-operation with Mr. Potter, and the local administration officials is anticipated. (Signed) H. A. GARFIELD, Fuel Administrator.

KANE TO VIEW STOCK OF COAL AT FACTORY

United States District Attorney Kane, together with a representative of the state of William Potter, State fuel administrator, and a coal expert, left for the coal plant at the plant of C. H. Masland & Sons, Inc., west of Philadelphia, to investigate complaints that 5000 tons of coal were being hoarded in that place.

It is proposed to make an "eye estimate" of the stock of coal in the Masland plant. The Government contends that the coal in the Masland place will last for at least five months. The rule of the national fuel administrator is that only eight weeks' supply be kept in one place.

To settle this disputed point Mr. Masland suggested that the officials view the factory's coal supply.

The Masland firm contends that it doesn't have 5000 tons of coal on hand and that only an amount necessary for its operation is hoarded. Whether Mr. Kane would seize the coal at the Masland plant should the investigators decide that it amounts to 5000 tons couldn't be said.

Government intervention—compelling coal hoarders in Philadelphia to disgorge fuel which they have stored away—may relieve to some extent the acute coal shortage here. Slight relief has already been brought by the passing of the coal winter.

Attorney General Gregory, in Washington today, forwarded two complaints against alleged coal hoarders to United States District Attorney Francis Fisher Kane, in this city. The alleged violators are Philadelphia men.

Mr. Kane said today that the complaints are being investigated. He said that prosecutions would be instituted against the violators should the evidence warrant. He also intimated that coal being held by hoarders would be seized.

Mayor Smith today authorized Sunday deliveries by retail coal dealers, following a request by the fuel administrator. His reply was as follows:

"I have your letter in regard to coal dealers making delivery of coal on Sunday. Of course I shall permit retail dealers to deliver coal on Sunday if it would be criminal not to do this in view of the sufferings of our people from lack of coal. I have so notified the Director of the Department of Public Safety, who will issue the necessary orders immediately."

Railroad officials denounce the seizure of two carloads of coal by Director of Public Health and Charities Krusen yesterday as unjustifiable, but said that they could take no action. In view of the city's intention to pay for the coal the matter probably will rest, as it now stands. The railroads themselves, it was pointed out, had no redress, inasmuch as they merely acted as agents hired to deliver the coal, without any ownership rights.

"I emphatically question Director Krusen's authority to seize the coal," said C. B. Crossley, general freight superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway.

The same opinion was expressed by a Pennsylvania Railroad official, who went even further.

"I consider Director Krusen's proceedings as unjustifiable and high-handed," he said.

Charles O. Beach, superintendent of the New York division of the Reading, who with consent Director Krusen took over the two loaded cars, yesterday he regretted that Director Krusen had not informed him how badly in need of coal he was.

Furlough Ban Partly Lifted

Continued from Page One parents of the boys at the camp as would that due to the transportation of the men from the camp to their homes in this city.

Charles Curry, a private in Company K, Tenth New York National Guard Regiment, must serve two years in a military prison and forfeit pay that is due him, according to a court-martial finding made public today.

Curry absented himself without leave on October 11, and according to the court-martial record disrespectful language to Lieutenant W. M. Bradbeer, of the 311th field artillery. He was also found guilty of being intoxicated.

Seek 2000 Gloves for Soldiers

A campaign has been begun under the direction of Lieutenant Norris Harratt to secure 2000 pairs of woolen gloves for the Philadelphia troops at Camp Meade.

ILLUSTRATED BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

A Revolutionary Pilgrimage

Voyages on the Yukon and Its Tributaries

On the Headwaters of Peace River

The Life and Art of William Merritt Chase

MAN CRUSHED IN ELEVATOR

Courts Refuse to Revoke Appointment in American Pipe Co. Case

RECEIVERSHIP CONTINUED

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Jews Progressive in Colombia

The most progressive element in Colombia is said to be, not the Spanish population or the natives, but a Jewish people called Antioquians, who have Old Testament names, raise families of from twelve to thirty children and are fast becoming the dominant power in the land, both in numbers and in influence.

Reading Powder Mills

Such writers as these—Booth Tarkington, Edgar Lee Masters, Owen Wister, Gouverneur Morris, Charles Hanson Towne, George Ade, Julian Street, Gertrude Atherton, these and many more authors, poets, painters, musicians, sculptors and actors have joined together in a magnificent tribute to France. It is a gift book of rare beauty.

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